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Title:

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et al;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Murder of
GEORGE RANDOLPH FARENTHOLD

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -- CONSPIRACY --
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

Body of GEORGE RANDOLPH FARENTHOLD washed ashore a.m.,
6/6/72, on Gulf Beach, South of Port Aransas, Texas. b3
Body bound with rope and chains and weighted with b6
concrete block. Autopsy reflects victim received three b7C
severe blows to head prior to being dropped in Gulf.

[REDACTED]

Victim last seen approximately 1:45 a.m.,
6/4/72, departing Corpus Christi night club by himself.
Texas Department of Public Safety laboratory believes
death occurred shortly after victim departed night club.
Laboratory results indicate victim's blood alcohol .18.
Clothes on body same as those victim was wearing when he
departed night club. Cigarette lighter found in victim's
pocket, electric wristwatch on body still running when
body was recovered. Billfold and one shoe missing.
Chain used to secure concrete block manufactured by
Houston firm with approximately 25 distributors in
Corpus Christi area.

Victim's car recovered abandoned in apartment
complex 3 a.m., 6/7/72, approximately three miles from
night club. Partial latents obtained by SO from inside
car. Keys to victim's car found on garage floor at
victim's Corpus Christi home. Victim believed to have

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[redacted] After
RANDOLPH MORGAN died, [redacted]
[redacted] did file a suit contesting the will and GEORGE FARENTHOLD
settled this suit out of court by arranging payment to [redacted]
[redacted]

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GEORGE FARENTHOLD advised that over the years he had only infrequent contact with RANDY although he and RANDY were always on very good terms. Since the FARENTHOLDS have been living in Houston, RANDY usually contacted GEORGE when he was in Houston and occasionally they got together personally. In recent months RANDY was arranging for the Crispin Company to take over marketing of the Spade Plow in foreign countries. Manufacture was to continue by the Le Tourneau Company. RANDY had been dealing with a [redacted] of Crispin Company on this business.

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The last contact GEORGE had with RANDY was on the night of the Texas Primaries which was May 16, 1972. GEORGE had gone to Corpus Christi to vote and at about 7:00 p.m. went to a party at the [redacted] residence in Corpus Christi. RANDY was at this party with [redacted]
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Usually when RANDY was in Houston he tried to get dates with various girls. One was with [redacted]
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Another was [redacted]

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Another close friend of RANDY'S in Houston, a [redacted]
[redacted] This is the [redacted] that
is about his same age. Another friend is [redacted]
[redacted] who grew up with RANDY.

About six months ago RANDY'S stepmother Sissy drove to Houston with RANDY and during that time he discussed with her the entire \$100,000 swindle deal. After his death Sissy told GEORGE she had heard that the waitress at the City Bakery Cafe in Port Aransas had stated she served RANDY and another man breakfast Sunday morning, June 4, 1972. Sissy passed this on to [redacted] as Sissy is
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SISSY FARENTHOLD is presently in the legislature at Austin. Her office number there is 475-4694 and their new apartment number there is 476-1803.

GEORGE FARENTHOLD desires to do everything possible to assist in this matter and will furnish anything that comes to his attention.

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Date of transcription 6/17/72

GEORGE EDWARD FARENTHOLD, 1220 Afton, phone 681-9325, employed at The Crispin Company, World Trade Center, phone 224-8000, furnished the following information:

He is the father of GEORGE RANDOLPH FARENTHOLD now deceased. His wife is MARY FRANCES FARENTHOLD, aka Sissy, recent candidate for Governor of Texas. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VINCENT BLUNTZER FARENTHOLD, now deceased.

FARENTHOLD'S first wife was ANNIE-BLAKE MORGAN, daughter of RANDOLPH MORGAN and CARMELITE CLEVELAND MORGAN of Corpus Christi. CARMELITE is 87 years old and lives in Corpus Christi. Her husband RANDOLPH died several years ago. RANDOLPH had a previous wife MARRIAN who died during childbirth

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GEORGE RANDOLPH FARENTHOLD, born October 1, 1939, was the only son of GEORGE EDWARD FARENTHOLD and ANNIE-BLAKE MORGAN'S marriage. His parents were divorced in 1948.

Mrs. MORGAN, a grandmother, still has three brothers and one sister living and RANDOLPH MORGAN had some brothers and sisters who may or may not be living.

FARENTHOLD advised that news reports of RANDY'S

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/17/72

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